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OGDEN STUDENT WINS GRAND PRIZE IN STATEWIDE POSTER CONTEST

Jessica Syphus, a 6th Grade student from H. Guy Child Elementary in Ogden, is the Grand Prize winner of the 2007 Utah State Arbor Day poster contest. In addition to winning a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque signed by Governor Jon Huntsman, Jessica's poster will be reproduced in a calendar, along with other poster contest winners, and distributed statewide.

Other state winners, each receiving a \$75 bond, are Samir Khan, a kindergartner at IQRA Academy in West Valley City; 1st grader Sarah Clark, West Weber Elementary, Ogden; Saadia Khan, a 2nd grader from IQRA Academy; Emma Wardle, 3rd grade, Greenville Elementary, North Logan; 4th grader Ray Hernandez from Farrer Elementary in Provo; Stetson Stewart, a 5th grader from Tabiona Elementary in Tabiona; and Daniela Malvaez, a special education student from Kearns Junior High, Kearns.

State winners will join Jessica Syphus to receive their awards at the annual Arbor Day celebration at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum in Salt Lake City on April 27 at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

Sponsors of this year's Arbor Day activities are Kennecott Corporation, TreeUtah, Utah Community Forest Council, Utah Nursery and Landscape Association, USDA Forest Service, Red Butte Garden, Rocky Mountain Power, Utah Society of Environmental Education and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

More than 240 schools and 38,000 students are participating in Utah Arbor Day activities.

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